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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Regulated
Industries

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the practice of architecture and interior design; amending s. 481.203, F.S.; revising definitions of the terms "interior design" and "space planning" to exempt certain drawings and activities related to the manufacture, sale, and installation of commercial food service equipment, cubicle workstations, and similar modular furniture and fixtures from provisions regulating interior design; amending s. 481.229, F.S.; exempting certain persons engaged in the manufacture, sale, and installation of commercial food service equipment, cubicle workstations, and similar modular furniture and fixtures from provisions regulating architecture and interior design; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (8) and (12) of section 481.203, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

481.203 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(8) "Interior design" means designs, consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, and administration of design construction contracts relating to nonstructural interior elements of a building or structure. The term "~~Interior design~~" includes, but is not limited to, reflected ceiling plans, space planning, furnishings, and the fabrication of nonstructural



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28 elements within and surrounding interior spaces of buildings.
29 The term does not include related utility rough-in drawings,
30 engineering drawings, and shop drawings to assist architects,
31 engineers, interior designers, and general contractors; designs,
32 consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or
33 floor plans prepared for the sale or installation of commercial
34 food service equipment or cubicle workstations and similar
35 modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry, and spatial dividers or
36 partitions by the manufacturer of such equipment, furniture, or
37 fixtures or the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or
38 dealer, or an employee thereof; or "Interior design"
39 ~~specifically excludes~~ the design of or the responsibility for
40 architectural and engineering work, except for specification of
41 fixtures and their location within interior spaces. As used in
42 this subsection, "architectural and engineering interior
43 construction relating to the building systems" includes, but is
44 not limited to, construction of structural, mechanical,
45 plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, ventilating, electrical, or
46 vertical transportation systems, or construction which
47 materially affects lifesafety systems pertaining to firesafety
48 protection such as fire-rated separations between interior
49 spaces, fire-rated vertical shafts in multistory structures,
50 fire-rated protection of structural elements, smoke evacuation
51 and compartmentalization, emergency ingress or egress systems,
52 and emergency alarm systems.

53 (12) "Space planning" means the analysis, programming, or
54 design of spatial requirements, including preliminary space
55 layouts and final planning. The term does not include designs,
56 consultations, studies, drawings, specifications, layouts, or



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59 modular furniture, shelving, cabinetry, and spatial dividers or
60 partitions by the manufacturer of such equipment, furniture, or
61 fixtures or the manufacturer's representative, distributor, or
62 dealer, or an employee thereof.

63 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of
64 section 481.229, Florida Statutes, to read:

65 481.229 Exceptions; exemptions from licensure.—

66 (6) This part shall not apply to:

67 (c) A manufacturer of commercial food service equipment or
68 cubicle workstations and similar modular furniture, shelving,
69 cabinetry, and spatial dividers or partitions or the
70 manufacturer's representative, distributor, or dealer, or an
71 employee thereof, who prepares designs, consultations, studies,
72 drawings, specifications, layouts, or floor plans for the sale
73 or installation of such equipment, furniture, or fixtures or who
74 advertises those services.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.